

## Description

Certification of brain death is a complex and time consuming multi-step process with many potential pitfalls and confounders. It is also an important responsibility shouldered by clinicians working in intensive care units (ICU). Families and loved ones of the deceased are often overwhelmed with having to deal with the suddenness of the devastating neurologic injury, understanding the concept of brain death and coming to terms with its consequences such as withdrawal of therapy or potential organ donation.

This workshop is designed to help ICU clinicians deal with these complex issues when managing potentially brain dead patients in the ICU.

## Duration

Half day

## Programme Content

1. Organ Donation –Why is it Important and What is my Role?
2. Update on Organ Donation Laws in Singapore
3. End of Life Discussions and Handling the Issue of Organ Donation
4. Roles of the Brain Death Coordinator and Transplant Coordinator
5. Certifying Brain Death - Pitfalls to Avoid
6. What's Going on in the Minds of our Patients' Families
7. Handling the Difficult Family Conversations
8. ICU Management of the Multi-organ Donor

## Target Audience

- Intensivists
- Senior ICU Nurses and ICU Nursing Officers
- Hospital BD Case Managers or Coordinators
- ICU Medical Social Workers.

## Learning Outcomes

At the end of the programme, participants will be able to:

1. Understand the importance of organ donation in Singapore;
2. Understand the legal aspects of organ donation and the Human Organ Transplant Act;
3. Understand the roles played by the Brain Death and Transplant Coordinators;

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4. Understand the experiences of patients' families and their responses to brain death and organ donation and consider how to support the families;
5. Establish understanding of brain death and organ donation in donor families;
6. Handle end-of-life discussions and issue of organ donation;
7. Handle difficult conversations and manage grief reactions with organ donor families;
8. Understand the pitfalls to avoid when certifying brain death;
9. Understand the management of the multi-organ donor

## Methodology

This programme is designed as informative session for participants. Participants will work on case scenarios to demonstrate understanding of knowledge.

## Training Capacity

50 participants per run

## About the Organiser

Officially established on 19 July 2002, the National Healthcare Group (NHG) College plays an instrumental role in facilitating the continuous learning and development of our workforce, as well as, promoting systems improvement and driving leadership development in NHG. NHG College collaborates with renowned institutions and industry partners to build the pipeline and collective capacities of our leaders, educators, healthcare professionals and staff to support NHG in serving and managing the health of our patients and the population.